

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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BORDER WITH BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether border with Bangladesh has grown tense after the new regime there;
- (b) whether all precautionary measures have been taken to defend the North East areas in the event of simultaneous misadventure from Pakistan and Bangladesh;
- (c) whether military commanders from both sides are meeting at regular intervals to assess the situation; and
- (d) if so, the Government's assessment on the borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. However, there have been reports of migration of members of the minority community in Bangladesh on a minor scale to the States bordering Bangladesh.

The border guarding forces remain vigilant all along the Indo-Bangladesh border.

(c) & (d): There is no established mechanism for regular meeting between the Military Commanders of India and Bangladesh. However, military to military cooperation exists between the two countries. Also, regular meetings between Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) take place through Flag Meetings and at higher levels, at periodic intervals.